



# Meet the NYMRC!

The New York Marine Rescue Center (NYMRC) is a rescue and rehabilitation organization located in Riverhead, on Long Island that promotes marine conservation. Our mission is to preserve and protect the marine environment through conservation efforts including rescue, rehabilitation, education and research. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, we are the primary responders for sick or injured seals, sea turtles, dolphins, porpoises and small toothed whales, and maintain the only marine mammal and sea turtle rehabilitation center in New York State.

Since 1996, NYMRC has been a lifeline for marine wildlife in need. Founded as the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation and rebranded in 2016 to reflect our mission, we have responded to over 6,000 animals from Montauk to Staten Island, making a lasting impact on marine conservation. This past year (2024), we shattered records, admitting over 100 Cold-Stunned Sea Turtles in a single season—including an astounding 18 in just one day. These unprecedented numbers highlight the growing challenges marine life faces and the critical need for our work.

As a small, all-female-staffed nonprofit, we are driven by passion, expertise, and an unwavering commitment to protecting marine life. But we don't do it alone—our extensive network of dedicated volunteers is the backbone of our mission, playing an essential role in every rescue, rehabilitation, and release. Together, we are making waves in marine conservation.

